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3B Null spaces and Ranges

Defn 3.12 If we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then the null space of T is the subset of V consisting of vectors in V that T maps

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V : Tv = 0\}$$

Ex 3.13 Consider the zero map $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. For all $v \in V$, we have

$$0v = 0.$$

Therefore, $\text{null } 0 = \{v \in V : 0v = 0\}$

$$= V$$

• Define $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^3, \mathbb{C})$ by

$$\psi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{null } \psi &= \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : \psi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = 0\} \\ &= \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3 = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

The basis of $\text{null } \psi$ is $(-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} (z_1, z_2, z_3) &= (-2z_2 - 3z_3, z_2, z_3) \\ &= (-2z_2, z_2, 0) + (-3z_3, 0, z_3) \\ &= z_2(-2, 1, 0) + z_3(-3, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

so $(-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1)$ spans $\text{null } \psi$.

Then prove that $(-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1)$ is linearly independent.

so $(-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1)$ is a basis of $\text{null } \psi$.

• Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), P(\mathbb{R}))$ be the differentiation map defined by $D_p = p'$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{null } D &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : p'(z) = 0 \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{F}\} \\ &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : p'(z) = c \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{F}, \text{ for some constant } c\} \\ &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : p \text{ is a constant function}\} \end{aligned}$$

• Define $T \in \mathcal{L}\{P(\mathbb{R}), P(\mathbb{R})\}$ by $(T_p)(x) = x^2 p(x)$
for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{null } T &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : T_p = 0\} \\ &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : (T_p)(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : x^2 p(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{p \in P(\mathbb{R}) : p = 0\} \\ &= \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

The only polynomial that satisfies

$$x^2 p(x) = 0$$

$$\text{is } p(x) = 0$$

Defn 3.14 Null space is a subspace

Suppose we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then $\text{null } T$ is a subspace of V .

proof:

• Additive Identity
Since we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, it follows that $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map. By 3.11 of Axler, we have $T(0) = 0$.

Therefore, $0 \in \text{null } T$.

• Closed Under addition

Suppose we have $u, v \in \text{null } T$. Then we have $Tu = 0$ and $Tv = 0$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(u+v) &= Tu + Tv \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $u+v \in \text{null } T$.

• Closed Under Scalar multiplication

Suppose we have $u \in \text{null } T$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $Tu = 0$.
Some have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\lambda u) &= \lambda Tu \\ &= \lambda \cdot 0 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\lambda u \in \text{null } T$.

So we conclude that $\text{null } T$ is a subspace of V . \square

Defn 3.15 A function $T: V \rightarrow W$ is called injective if $Tu = Tv$ implies $u = v$, for all $u, v \in V$.

Defn 3.16 Injectivity is equivalent to null space equals $\{0\}$.
 "one-to-one" Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then T is injective if and only if $\text{null } T = \{0\}$.

Proof: Forward Direction: If T is injective, then $\text{null } T = \{0\}$.

Suppose T is injective. Since T is linear, we have $T(0) = 0$, which means $0 \in \text{null } T$, and so $\{0\} \subset \text{null } T$.

We will prove $\text{null } T \subset \{0\}$.

Suppose $v \in \text{null } T$.

Then $Tv = 0$. But we also have $T(0) = 0$.

Therefore, $Tv = T(0)$, ($Tv = 0 = T(0)$)

Since T is injective, $v = 0$. In other words, $v \in \{0\}$.

So $\text{null } T \subset \{0\}$. So we get the set equality $\text{null } T = \{0\}$.

Backward Direction: If $\text{null } T = \{0\}$, then T is injective.

Suppose $\text{null } T = \{0\}$. Suppose $u, v \in V$ satisfy $Tu = Tv$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= Tu - Tv \\ &= T(u - v) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $u - v \in \text{null } T$. But $\text{null } T = \{0\}$. So $u - v \in \{0\}$, which implies $u - v = 0$, or equivalently, $u = v$.

So T is injective. \square

Range and Surjectivity

Defn 3.17 The range of a function $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a subset of W consisting of all vectors of the form Tv for some $v \in V$ and is denoted

$$\text{range } T = \{Tv : v \in V\}$$

Eg 3.18 Consider the zero map $0: V \rightarrow W$. Then $0v = 0$ for all $v \in V$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{range } 0 &= \{0v : v \in V\} \\ &= \{0 : v \in V\} \\ &= \{0\}\end{aligned}$$

• Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3)$ by

$$T(x, y) = (2x, 5y, x+y).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{range } T &= \{T(x, y) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \\ &= \{(2x, 5y, x+y) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}\end{aligned}$$

A basis of range T is $(2, 0, 1), (0, 5, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}T(x, y) &= (2x, 5y, x+y) = (2x, 0, x) + (0, 5y, y) \\ &= x(2, 0, 1) + y(0, 5, 1).\end{aligned}$$

So $(2, 0, 1), (0, 5, 1)$ spans range T .

Show that $(2, 0, 1), (0, 5, 1)$ is also linearly independent.

Then $(2, 0, 1), (0, 5, 1)$ is a basis of range T .

• Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), P(\mathbb{R}))$ be the differentiation map defined by

$$Dp = p'$$

For each polynomial $q \in P(\mathbb{R})$, there exists a polynomial $p \in P(\mathbb{R})$ that satisfies $p' = q$.

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{range } D &= \{Dp : p \in P(\mathbb{R})\} \\ &= \{p' : p \in P(\mathbb{R})\} \\ &= P(\mathbb{R})\end{aligned}$$

$$= \{g: \mathbb{R} \in P(\mathbb{R})\}$$

$$= P(\mathbb{R}).$$

Defn 3.19 The range is a subspace. If $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then $\text{range } T$ is a subspace of W .

Proof • Additive Identity

Suppose we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then by 3.11 of Axler, we have $T(0) = 0$. So $0 \in \text{range } T$.

• Closed Under Addition

Suppose we have $w_1, w_2 \in \text{range } T$. Then $w_1 = Tv_1$ and $w_2 = Tv_2$ for some $v_1, v_2 \in V$.
So we have

$$T(v_1 + v_2) = Tv_1 + Tv_2$$

$$= w_1 + w_2$$

Since $v_1 + v_2 \in V$, it follows that we have $w_1 + w_2 \in \text{range } T$.

• Closed Under Multiplication

Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $w \in \text{range } T$. Then $w = Tv$ for some $v \in V$.

So we have

$$T(\lambda v) = \lambda Tv$$

$$= \lambda w$$

Since $\lambda v \in V$, it follows that we have $\lambda w \in \text{range } T$.
So $\text{range } T$ is a subspace of W . ◻

Thm 3.22 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then $\text{range } T$ is finite-dimensional and

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

Defn 3.20 A function $T: V \rightarrow W$ is surjective if its range equals W , that is

$$\text{range } T = W$$

proof: Let u_1, \dots, u_m be a basis of $\text{null } T$. Then $\dim(\text{null } T) = m$.
 Also, u_1, \dots, u_m is a linearly independent list.
 By 2.33 of Axler, we can extend this list to a basis

$u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$
 of V . Then $\dim V = m+n$

So, we need to just show that $\text{range } T$ is finite-dimensional with $\dim(\text{range } T) = n$. To accomplish this goal, we need to show that Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n is a basis of $\text{range } T$.

Let $v \in V$ be arbitrary. Since $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V , it spans V .

So we can write

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n$$

for some $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n \in F$. So we have

$$Tv = T(a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(additivity of } T) \\ \text{(homogeneity of } T) \\ u_1, \dots, u_m \in \text{null } T \\ u_1, \dots, u_m \text{ is a basis of null } T \end{array} \right\} &= T(a_1 u_1) + \dots + T(a_m u_m) + T(b_1 v_1) + \dots + T(b_n v_n) \\ &= a_1 T u_1 + \dots + a_m T u_m + b_1 T v_1 + \dots + b_n T v_n \\ &= a_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + a_m \cdot 0 + b_1 T v_1 + \dots + b_n T v_n \\ &= b_1 T v_1 + \dots + b_n T v_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the list Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n spans $\text{range } T$.

Since we found a list that spans $\text{range } T$, we conclude that $\text{range } T$ is finite-dimensional.

Now we will show that Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n is linearly independent.

Suppose $c_1, \dots, c_n \in F$ that satisfy

$$c_1 T v_1 + \dots + c_n T v_n = 0$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_1 T v_1 + \dots + c_n T v_n \\ &= T(c_1 v_1) + \dots + T(c_n v_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)$$

Therefore, $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \in \text{null } T$.

Since u_1, \dots, u_m is a basis of $\text{null } T$, it spans $\text{null } T$,

so we can write

$$\boxed{c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n} = d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m$$

for some $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{F}$. So we get

$$-d_1 u_1 - \dots - d_m u_m + c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$$

But $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V , so it is linearly independent on V .

So all scalars are zero:

$$-d_1 = 0, \dots, -d_m = 0, c_1 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0.$$

In particular,

$$c_1 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0.$$

So Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n is linearly independent.

So it is a basis of $\text{range } T$.

$$\text{So } \dim(\text{range } T) = n.$$

In summary, we have:

$$\dim V = m + n$$

$$\dim(\text{null } T) = m$$

$$\dim(\text{range } T) = n$$

Therefore,

$$\dim V = m + n$$

$$= \dim(\text{null } T) + \dim(\text{range } T)$$

as desired □

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A map to a smaller dimensional space is not injective

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces that satisfy $\dim V > \dim W$. Then no linear map from V to W is injective.

proof →

Proof. Suppose

Then, by the Fund. Thm. of Linear Maps (3.22 Axler) we have $\dim(\text{null } T) = \dim V - \dim(\text{range } T)$

$$\text{range } T \text{ is a subspace of } W \Rightarrow \sum \dim V - \dim W > \dim W - \dim W = 0$$

by 2.38 of Axler $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{range } T) \leq \dim W$

So $\text{null } T \neq \{0\}$. By 3.16 of Axler, T is not injective

3.24 A map to a larger dimensional space is not surjective

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces that satisfy $\dim V < \dim W$. Then no linear map from V to W is surjective

Proof. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then by the Fund. Thm of Linear Maps (3.22 of Axler), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{range } T) &= \dim V - \dim \text{null } T \\ &\leq \dim V - 0 \\ &= \dim V \\ &< \dim W \end{aligned}$$

$\dim \text{null } T$

$\Rightarrow 0 < \dim \text{null } T$

by 2.38 of Axler $\Rightarrow \dim \{0\} \in \dim \text{null } T$

$$0 \leq \dim \text{null } T$$

($\dim \text{null } T \geq 0$)

Therefore, T is not surjective

By Exercise 2.C1 of Axler, $\text{range } T \neq W$.

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(Eq 3.25)

a system of m equations

Fix positive integers m, n .

Consider the homogeneous system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k = 0 & \text{jth equation} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k = 0 \end{cases}$$

for some $A_{jk} \in \mathbb{F}$, for $j=1, \dots, m$ and for $k=1, \dots, n$. Rephrase in terms of a linear map the question of whether this system of equations has a nonzero solution

proof

Define $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ by

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k \right)$$

$$T(0, \dots, 0) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k \right)$$

is equivalent to the homogeneous system of equations

Note that $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (0, \dots, 0)$ $x_1 = 0$
is a solution to the $x_n = 0$

homogeneous system of equations

This is equivalent to saying

There exist nonzero solutions x_1, \dots, x_n to the homogeneous system of equations if and only if $\text{null } T \neq \{0\}$

In other words, if and only if there exist x_1, \dots, x_n not all zero such that $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{null } T$.

Defn 3.26 Homogeneous system of linear equations

A homogeneous system of linear equations with more variables than equations has non-zero solutions.

(Eg) $\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k = 0$ and $\sum_{k=1}^n A_{2,k} x_k = 0$

And x_1, x_2, x_3 solve the above system of equations, then at least one of x_1, x_2, x_3 is non-zero.

proof: Again define $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ by

$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k)$

Then we have a homogeneous system of m linear equations with n variables x_1, \dots, x_n .

Since there are more variables than there are equations, we have

$\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n > m = \dim \mathbb{F}^m$

By 3.23 of Axler, $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ is not injective

By 3.1b of Axler, $\text{null } T = \{0, \dots, 0\}$

So there exist nonzero solutions of the system of equations. □

(Eg) 3.27 Rephrase in terms of a linear map the question of whether the inhomogeneous system of linear equations

$\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k = c_1$

$\sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k = c_m$

for any $A_{j,k} \in \mathbb{F}$. ($j=1, \dots, m$ and $k=1, \dots, n$) and for some $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{F}$, has no solution

Define $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ by

$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k)$

(n coordinates) (m coordinates)

Then the equation $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$ is equivalent to the inhomogeneous system of equations.

Defn 3.29 Inhomogeneous system of linear equations

An inhomogeneous system of linear equations with more equations than variables has no solution for some choice of constant terms.

proof:

Define $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ by

$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k)$

(n coordinates) (c1) (cm)

Since there are more equations than there are variables we have

$\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n < m = \dim \mathbb{F}^m$

By 3.24 of Axler, $T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ is NOT surjective. In other words,

$\text{range } T \neq \mathbb{F}^m$

So there exist $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{F}^m \setminus \text{range } T$ such that

$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq (c_1, \dots, c_m)$

So we have

$\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k \neq c_1$

$\sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k \neq c_m$

which means the system of inhomogeneous equations with the choice of C_1, \dots, C_m does NOT contain any solutions. E